We watch the progress of the war with admiration and confidence. The growing weight of the air attack on Germany, the continued pressure exerted by the Russians all along their extended battle fronts, the determined nature of the British and American attack in Italy, the increasing success of the Navies in the battle of the Atlantic, the growing strength and number of the attacks upon the Japanese—all bear witness to the ever increasing might of the allies and the weakening of the enemy. The important talkes which have recently taken place between the rulers of the United States, Great Britain, China and Russia prove to the world that these powerful allies are all animated by one spirit—the will to conquer the enemy—and are united in their plans for the attainment of that object. But let no one think that victory is already won: the German can still fight back in Russia and resist stubbornly in Italy, the Japanese are still in possession of nearly all their ill-gotten territorial gain. The allied leaders have told us that it is their policy to deprive Japan of all these conquests, and we must believe that they intend a similar outcome of the war for Germany as well. All our accredited leaders promise us hard and bitter fighting before we can claim victory; let us see to it that we continue to play a worthy part in the struggle right to the end. There is still need for all the help that we can give; let us determine to give it without stint. This State has earned a great reputation for its war effort; let us each do what we can to maintain and enhance that reputation.

Hon: Members will remember that a special drive was undertaken in 1942 to collect the sum necessary to enable the State to pay for a small warship. The full amount required was collected early this year; and I am glad to inform Hon: Members that H.M.I.S. COCHIN is to be launched before the end of this month. His Highness the Maharaja has deputed the 4th Prince to perform this ceremony on his behalf, and the Prince will be leaving shortly to undertake this interesting and historic duty.

Since the Council last met the State has suffered a grievous loss in the death of its late Ruler, to whom the House paid its last tribute yesterday. We pay homage today to a new Ruler whose gracious message I had the privilege of reading yesterday, and our next business today will be to pass a motion congratulating him on his accession.

Of the other domestic affairs of the State I propose to mention only one; but that is I suppose the subject which has caused everyone—official and non-official—more anxiety than any other—the food situation. Thanks to the timely and adequate measures put into force by my predecessor, there has been throughout the State a fair distribution of such supplies of food grain as it has been possible to secure. No one pretends that the present ration is sufficient; but until we receive larger supplies from outside the State it is impossible to increase it. We all recognise that for a rice-eating population the quantity of rice which we are able to supply is inadequate, but it has only just been possible for us to continue the present ration. The situation is still grave, but I have within the last few days received a promise of help from Madras which will I hope see us through the most difficult period which will elapse until the next harvest comes on to the market in the latter part of January. I should like to say a word in appreciation of the spirit in which the public have accepted the difficulties and inconveniences attendant upon rationing—to which I am sure that Hon: Members of this House have contributed not a little.

I do not wish to detain hon: members longer. A lengthy and varied agenda awaits us. May our deliberations be conducted in a spirit of service to the State and may they result in the greater happinees and well-being of its people.

Congratulatory Motion on the accession of His Highness Sree Ravi Varma, Maharaja of Cochin

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I feel highly gratified that I should be enabled to move the following motion.—

"This Council respectfully tenders its humble congratulations to His Highness the Maharaja, Sree Ravi Varma on his assuming the rulership of this ancient State and desires to express its prayerful hope that His Highness will live long and that under his pious and benevolent rule the prosperity of the State and the happiness of its people will progress continuously".

This House extends its hearty congratulations and warm felicitations to His Highness Sree Ravi Varma, on his accession to the ancient gadi of Cochin. The Ruling Family of Cochin has been justly celebrated for its benevolence, piety and regard for the welfare of the people. His Highness possesses these family qualities in rich abundance. His Highness brings with him in the discharge of high duties as a Ruler, ripe experience, profound knowledge and wisdom of years. After a liberal education under erudite scholars, His Highness extended his knowledge by wide reading and extensive travels. Even before His Highness ascended the Musnad His Highness has in various ways shown his sympathy for the poor and the suffering and his solicitude for

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the well-being of his subjects. In His Highness we have a highly constitutional ruler with lofty and noble ideals in the discharge of his great responsibilities. His Highness takes a personal interest in the everyday administration of the State.

We are now passing through a critical period and recent developments have created various difficulties for the State in the matter of food supply. And we are confident that under His Highness' able guidance the problems that confront the administration will be satisfactorily solved.

It has been the tradition of this House to extend its hearty support and co-operation to the administration and show its devout loyalty to the throne. I have not the least doubt that I have the permission of this House to convey to His Highness that the loyalty and the devotion extended to the throne by this House and the people which this House represents, will be forthcoming in an increasing measure. Sir, I pray in conclusion that His Highness' rule be long and prosperous and that the Almighty may be pleased to shower His Blessings on His Highness.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: Mr. President, Sir, it is with very great pleasure that I rise to support very strongly and very heartily too, this congratulatory motion which has been placed before the House, felicitating our beloved ruler His Highness Sree Ravi Varma on his accession to the historic Musnad of Cochin, the Gadi of his illustrious forefathers. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" goes the saying, and especially these days it should be more uneasy as we look around and find that His Highness has not succeeded to a throne or bed of roses, but to an inheritance of great trials, of duty which involves very great responsibility and sacrifices of a very tremendous character. It is true that the war situation is improving, but still the sky is overcast; we are confident of victory, but our leaders say that the way is still far off and much work has yet to be done, and especially we here in India have got a good deal to do in as much as we have to dislodge the Japanese from all those places where they have burrowed in and to defeat the unscrupulous and deceitful methods employed by them in the war against us. Again, the food situation, as has already been remarked here, has become a little more acute these days and that must be giving very great anxiety to His Gracious Highness who has got the welfare of his subjects so keenly at heart. Again, there are also the ordinary aspirations, hopes and expectations of the people to be satisfied; and I think I won't be out of place on this occasion if I say that the people of Cochin along constitutional line also have been harbouring and entertaining very great expectations and ardent aspirations of a very progressive character. And for the fulfilment of these expectations and aspirations they look up to their gracious Ruler. So vast and manifold are the duties, so painful the trials and ordeals which His Gracious Highness has to confront, that we would on first impulse be inclined to consider it a great misfortune for His Highness to have come to the throne at this critical juncture, and accordingly to sympathise with him rather than to congratulate him. But on closer appreciation of the higher values and nobler opportunities of life, we should consider His Highness specially privileged because his days are cast not amidst the piping times of peace, but amidst thrilling times of war and heroism; rather that His Highness has been providentially chosen to steer the ship of State safe to port during these troublous days of stress and strain and stormy waves. And I am sure His Highness with his great qualities which have been very ably sketched by the Leader of the House, would be in a position to perform the task successfully. He has got a very warm, a very sympathetic heart and that goes a long way. His knowledge of men and matters, his mature wisdom, would also stand in great stead and all told I am sure His Highness will succeed eminently in steering the ship, the small State of Cochin and the people thereof, to port, to the haven of prosperity and happiness. On behalf of the House I respectfully beg to assure His Highness of our deep loyalty, of our profound veneration and respect for, His Highness' person and throne and for the Royal Family in general. May His Highness live long, may he be blessed with the health and circumstances necessary to do his duty by the people and may we in Cochin State have the great privilege of being protected, fostered and guided by such a benevolent ruler for ever and ever to come!

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Mr. President, but yesterday it had been the melancholy duty of this Hon'ble House to condole the passing away of the illustrious predecessor of our benevolent Maharaja. Today it befalls this Hon'ble House to exercise its proud privileges to respectfully convey to His Highness Sree Ravi Varma, Maharaja of Cochin, its sincere and loyal congratulations on his being called by Providence to the ancient and illustrious gadi of Cochin. It had been, Mr. President, the good fortune of Cochin, from the earliest days, to be governed by great Rajas and Maharajas without any exception, who had been, men of high thinking and plain living, men learned in the ancient lores of our motherland, men who at the same time kept themselves abreast of the times, men whose constant care had been the

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happiness and prosperity of the people entrusted to their paternal care. The results of such an administration are what we see to-day—a tiny State which is in the very fore-front of the most progressive of Indian States, with a people who are loyal to a fault, contended and law-abiding even to an objectionable degree.

Owing to a custom prevalent in our Royal family, that it is only the third son who shall be named Ravi Varma, Cochin had a Ravi Varma to rule over her not in the near past, but I believe years back to be exact—as long ago as 220 years back. And it is only in the fitness of things that a Ravi Varma is called by providence to adorn the ancient gadi of Cochin at this particular period in her history. Just as our Highness' illustrious predecessor with his indomitable will, courage of conviction and boldness and readiness to do the right thing at the right time, had been called to the gadi at a strenuous and critical time, when many a dark cloud was visible not only on the Cochin horizon but all along the firmament of the whole world, our Maharaja Sree Ravi Varma is called on by Providence to guide the destinies of our tiny State at a time when bright and joyous rays of sure and complete victory in the world-titanic war which has shaken to their very depths the foundations of civilization, culture and morality—in short everything that is worth-living for—are seen to be shooting forth in all their lustre almost in all the theatres of war. If it was the privilege, as was observed here yesterday, of the late lamented Maharaja to be a Defence Ruler, it is, Mr. President, the lucky but more arduous lot of our present Maharaja to be a Post-war Reconstruction Ruler. It is a Ravi (sun) that is wanted just at this juncture.

Sri Ravi Varma, our Maharaja, with his deep erudition, true insight of men and things and sincere solicitude for the welfare of his loving and loyal subjects is sure, I am confident, Mr. President, to see a reconstructed, happy and prosperous Cochin even in the early days of His Highness' reign. I may respectfully assure His Highness that His Highness can always command the humble and loyal services of this Hon'ble House to make His Highness' reign the success that, I am sure, it is going to be.

With Sir George T. Boag as His Highness' chief advisor, one who has played his part successfully in a greater theatre and in association not only with some of the greatest statesmen from the land of the mother of parliaments but also in close association with some of the most outstanding personalities in the national life of India, I feel confident, Mr. President, that His Highness Sree Ravi Varma Maharaja, will succeed in taking this dear and beautiful land of Cochin through a well-planned and therefore successful industrialisation of the land and more than that taking us further and further forward along the road that has with great and clear vision on the advice of his trusted Diwan Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty that great politician Diwan, been chalked out by the late lamented Rama Varma Maharaja who, in response to the wishes of this Honourable House, had been graciously pleased to introduce in this State constitutional reforms of a far-reaching character which we are proud to say, Mr. President, is being worked and successfully at it by the chosen representatives of His Highness' loving subjects.

With a prayerful invocation to the giver of all boons that His Highness Sree Ravi Varma Maharaja may be vouchsafed long and healthy life to see the full fruition of these cherished wishes of His Highness' loving and loyal subjects, I am proud to associate myself with all the sentiments so fervently expressed by the Hon'ble Leader of the House and the floor Leader of the numerically largest party in this Hon'ble House.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)* : Sir, I have great pleasure in associating myself with the sentiments so well expressed by the Hon'ble Minister in regard to the resolution before the House. Even as heir apparent His Highness had secured in full measure the esteem, respect and love of the people of the State and after His Highness' accession to the throne His Highness has doubly endeared himself to all his subjects by His Highness' solicitude for their welfare, easy accessibility and the frank and friendly tone of intercourse which His Highness maintains in all interviews freely accorded by him for all those who ask for them. His Highness comes to rule the State at perhaps the most critical period in her life, when the internal economy of the State has been rudely upset by happenings elsewhere and the citizens of the State are forced to make further readjustments in their lines and to make further sacrifices so that all that civilisation stands for, all that is near and dear to us may be preserved for us and for posterity from complete destruction at the hands of the barbarous hordes of Hitler and his accomplices in crime. His Highness brings to the difficult task of administration a mind well seasoned with accumulated knowledge and enriched and inspired by the examples of his illustrious predecessors and we feel, no doubt that during his regime, His Highness will strive his best to improve incalculably the conditions and opportunities of the common people throughout the State. We feel equally sure that during His Highness' regime the citizens of the State would be associated with the government of the State in an ever-increasing measure and that Cochin will attain her politica

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majority sooner than can be expected. May the great giver of all good things grant to His Highness long life and perfect health to meet the demands of the exacting and arduous duties that His Highness has to attend to.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Mr. President, Sir, on behalf of the people whom I represent, I have great pleasure to associate with this motion. His Highness the Maharaja belongs to a very ancient Hindu family of rulers descending from the great Cheraman Perumal. His Highness has inherited all the qualities which his ancestors had. The public have not known much about His Highness' personal character. He was leading a very austere and simple life in his own Kovilakam. I am told His Highness is a great reader of books and daily newspapers and has been imbibing all new and progressive ideas. I am told that His Highness has been regularly reading one of the most progressive newspapers, the Amrita Bazar Patrika for the past 50 years. If that is so, His Highness must have acquired very many new and progressive ideas and His Highness will carry out great reforms in the State. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri, though I do not believe in stars, I think His Highness is born under a very lucky star. His Highness' two brothers had to rule in very troublous days when intensive wars were fought and many of His Highness' subjects suffered. Before long, before the next Christmas in 1944 His Highness will be called upon by Providence to take up postwar reforms. I wish His Highness a long and prosperous career as a ruler of this ancient State.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians Ernakulam)*: Mr. President, Sir, as a representative of a very loyal community, the Latin Christian community, I beg to associate myself with all the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Minister and the speakers who preceded me. In doing so, Sir, I express my deep-rooted conviction that His Highness Sree Ravi Varma, our present Maharaja, will uphold the noble traditions of the Royal House of Cochin. The motto of the Royal House is "Honour is our Family Treasure". From very ancient times, that has been the motto that was kept up by the Royal House. According to my view, Sir, the word "honour" implies an essential factor, namely, the care to advance the prosperity of the subjects of His Highness. That tradition has been consistently and continously followed by the successive rulers of the Cochin State in the past and we are sure that with greater glory our present Highness will follow the ideal that "Honour is our family treasure".

Sir, there have been two brothers of His Highness who occupied the throne of Cochin. I have still vivid recollections of the amiability, cordiality and condescension of one of his brothers, Sir Rama Varma, who passed away at Madras several years ago, whom I had the privilege to meet several times. I still have some recollection of that day in 1917, when a great erosion was taking place in one of the littoral tracts of the State, a place called Manacheri. I was leading a deputation before His Highness and as soon as His Highness heard about the calamity that was going on, even without our suggesting, His Highness readily said that he would come and visit that place. In a few days he came, and he personally saw the misery of the people and the conditions that were prevailing there and he immediately ordered remedial measures to be taken. That is an instance of amiability and the extraordinary condescension and an extraordinary degree of desire to serve the people who are in distress. I am sure, Sir, that our present Maharaja has drawn upon the vast experience of his two brothers who sat on the throne and what he has drawn from their experience will stand in good stead in the administration of the Cochin State in these perilous and critical times.

Sir, I may allude to one or two things more. The period is critical in the history of the world and in the history of Cochin as well, and in the course of his regime there are one or two things which we expect to see the fruition of, the fruition of his regime, let it be the consummation of that process that was started some time ago, namely the process of the progressive realisation of responsible government. That the people have had, as one of the Hon'ble Members said, their humble aspirations in this matter. Several years have passed since the inauguration of the new scheme was made and still we are where we were at that time. In this connection I may respectfully recall what happened at the last session when Mr. Dixon, our former Diwan, made a very serious statement expressing the sympathy of the Government with the aspirations of the people for further reforms, for further constitutional reforms. May we hope that during the regime of the present Highness that sympathy which the former Diwan laid down will materialise and take a concrete shape.

Sir, soon the post-war reconstruction, the problems that will have to be solved when victory is finally won, will have to be confronted by His Highness and during this period, the critical days through which we are passing, I am sure that His Highness will be able to pilot the ship of State with the advice and energy of his chief adviser, you Sir, the Diwan and the Hon'ble

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Minister for Rural Development. His Highness may be sure that his people will heartily co-operate with him in continuing to play a worthy part in the portion of the war that is still remaining and that is being carried by the United Nations.

Sir, my only wish is that during the regime of His Highness, let us see the end of the present struggle and let freedom and civilisation be saved from barbarism and tyranny of oppression. May glory attend his reign and may prosperity attend his people and may health and longivity attend His Highness and that is my humble wish. On behalf of my community, the Latin Christian community, I take this opportunity to place at his feet our tribute of loyalty and devotion to his person and the throne of Cochin.

Mr. N. V. Subbarayan Chettiar *(Nominated):* Sir, I rise to support this congratulatory motion. His Highness has ascended the throne when the war has almost reached the gates of India. However, it is the great expectation of all the subjects of His Highness that under the able guidance of the Diwan Sir George Boag, who had a very distinguished career in British India as Governor and as the Chief Advisor to the Governor of Madras, His Highness will ensure peace and prosperity for the people. The Tamil Non-Brahmins form a minority backward community in the State with a very large population scattered throughout the State and it is their cherished expectation that under His Highness' rule they will get adequate representation in service, the Legislative Council, Municipalities and Panchayats.

One of the greatest things that is now engaging the attention of almost all the nations of the world is the post-war reconstruction scheme. The war may end very soon, and it is therefore urgently required that schemes for post-war reconstruction are taken up immediately, so that our small State with a large population in it may also be at least in par with other States and Nations. I would even suggest that a separate department under the guidance of an able Officer is created for this purpose. I hope His Highness' Government would take immediate steps for this.

I would also like to speak a few words about the Verumpattam Bill. I am only too glad to have such a Bill in the State, a like of which is not even heard in any of the Nations of the world. We are in that respect pioneers. Whether it is for good or bad time will say. But there is patent evil in the Bill. If the landlord wants to cultivate the land for himself there is no provision in the Bill to evict the tenant. If any improvements are to be made to the land the landlord alone will be in a position to do the same. While the land is under the control of the tenant the landlord is helpless to attend to these improvements. Consequently the property will become neglected both by the landlord and the tenant and the property is thus made useless. I would therefore suggest that the Bill may be suitably amended so that, in case, the landlord wants to cultivate the land for himself the tenant may be evicted. I hope the Government of His Highness will pay early attention to this, and the hon'ble members of this House heartily co-operate with me.

On behalf of the Tamil Non-Brahmins I pray to God, to bless His Highness with long life and prosperity.

Mr. M. Nanu Menon *(Ernakulam):* Mr. President, Sir, I associate myself fully with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Mover and other members. I shall put my speech in a nutshell. What we have lost by the sad demise of the late Maharaja, I hope, will be compensated by the benevolent acts of the present Maharaja.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Mr. President, Sir, It will be considered superfluous for any member of the Treasury Bench, particularly the public service, to give any expression of loyalty, as loyalty has become our second nature. But I may be permitted, Sir, to say how sincerely and fervently we subscribe in the sentiments of loyalty and affection contained in the congratulatory motion moved by the Hon'ble Leader of the House.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, as was expressed by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur yesterday, when the heart is full, words are few. The very many qualities of the present Highness have been described in detail to the Hon'ble House and let us pray that His Highness may live long and achieve the purposes for which the Royal Family is existing. I pray that His Highness may be given a long life and full of favourable circumstances so that His Highness may carry out all the ideals for which the family is famous. On behalf of one section of the subjects of the State, I mean, the Ezhuvas, we pray that His Highness may live long and see that all the subjects advance in all possible ways.

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph *(Narakkal):* Sir, it is a pleasant privilege to support the motion congratulating our Maharaja on his accession to the Musnad of this ancient House of Cochin.

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By temperament and training His Highness is well fitted to continue the glorious tradition of His House of single minded devotion to the good of the people. We, the citizens of Cochin, are proud of the traditions the Ruling House has built up. Throughout the centuries our Maharajas have shown an intelligent appreciation of genuine spiritual feeling; they appreciated the in-estimable moral and material advantages Christianity brought in its wake to the Barbarians of Europe.

At a time when Europe was in the throes of wars of religious begotry, the Maharajas of Cochin successfully followed the policy of toleration and benevolent neutrality—the logical conclusion of a territorial sovereignty.

The Christian social order in Kerala with the integrity of its family life, its organisation for worship and education, its evolutionary process of social assimilation was made possible by the sympathetic encouragement of the Ruling House of Cochin—a policy which culminated in the gracious acceptance of a protective sovereignty over the Christians of Kerala who were orphaned by the extinction of the Christian Kingdom of Villarvattom.

They ruled on the assumption that the welfare of the social organism as a whole rather than the good of a part, however important or intimate, is the real concern of the sovereign, which is not the organic theory of Herbert Spencer.

In the words of King James, our Maharaja "is ordained by God to rule" to uphold Dharma, the moral order. Depending on no party or community standing above all sections, he can afford to ignore the prudery and ignorance, the hating and the hunting instinct of the voting mob.

He can afford to be just and also appear to be just, in the blissful ignorance of the exigencies of the party politics. He can say let justice be done though the Heavens may fall. By the cumulative effect of his control over production, distribution and exchange of the good things of this world he can give what is due to the rentier and the worker, the entrepreneur and the intelligentia.

He can hold the balance even between racial and religious communities who for reasons that passeth understanding, or let us say that are historical, refuse to eat together, walk together or live together—but they all can get a square deal from His Highness.

And the work of justice is peace a wish to live in harmony Volier viver collectivement, a desire to live together—the only satisfactory definition of nationhood.

His Highness is the guardian of the present and the trustee for the future. "He stands for the posterity" that has no vote and the tradition that never had any. He stands for the great abstractions, for conscience and virtue, for the eternal against the expedient.

Long may His Highness rule, happy and glorious!

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: മിസ്റ്റർ പ്രസിഡണ്ട് സർ, സ്ഥാനാരോഹണം ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്ന മഹാരാജാവു് തിരുമനസ്സിലെ നേക്കു് ഈ സഭക്കുള്ള ഭക്തി ബഹുമാനാദരങ്ങളെ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുവാനായി അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള റസലൂഷനെ ഞാനും അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് വിഷമംഏറിയ ഒരു ഘട്ടത്തിലാണു് സ്ഥാനാരോഹണം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതു് എന്ന സംഗതി ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനമായ ഒന്നാണു്. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ വിജയം ഈ സഭയുടേയും, തിരുമനസ്സിലേക്കു് വേണ്ട ഉപദേശങ്ങൾ നല്കിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്ന ഉപദേഷ്ടാക്കളുടേയും, ഹസ്തങ്ങളിലാണു് ഇരിക്കുന്നതെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ഓർക്കുമ്പോൾ തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് സ്ഥാനാരോഹണംചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ഈയവസരത്തിൽ നമുക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ഒരു വലിയ ചുമതല വന്നുകൂടീട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു് ഒരിക്കലും മറക്കുവാൻ കഴിയുന്നതല്ല. തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ദീർഘായുസ്സോടുകൂടി വളരെക്കാലം ജീവിച്ചു കാണുവാനും, തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഭരണം വിജയകരമായി പര്യവസാനിക്കുവാനും ദൈവത്തോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ വിരമിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. S. S. Koder *(Nominated)*: Sir, on behalf of the Jewish community of Cochin, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Minister and other members of the House.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Mr. President, Sir, it has been the good fortune of Cochin that she has invariably been blessed with mature royal guidance and in the present instance it has been particularly our good fortune to enjoy such a ripened royal guidance. The versatile qualities of head and heart of the present ruler have been eloquently enumerated by the first citizen of Cochin in the most glowing language and those compliments have been expatiated upon by the veterans of this House, and I do not feel I am justified in making a long speech on the subject. The Mussalmans of Cochin, 1½ lakhs strong, paying the greatest amount of income-tax to the State coffers, particularly pray for the success of His Highness' regime, and

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we are immensely sure, Sir, of the success of the regime when we have got such eminent adviser to assist His Highness like our present Minister, and like our present Diwan-President, who has had much administrative experience in a wider and more troublesome sphere. With a prayer that such a good regime prospers, I conclude.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I am not going to dilate upon the subjects already dilated by Hon'ble Members of this House in congratulating His Highness on his accession to the ancient throne of Cochin. I may say that within the last 80 years, 51 years including last year, have been ruled either by the brothers of His Highness the Maharaja or his direct uncles. So, whatever prosperity we have in this State is mainly due to the children of the line of the present Maharaja, a thing which is not known to many of the members of this House, or even to many of the subjects of His Highness. We expect the same benevolent rule, if not better benevolent rule, from the present Maharaja, which has been commenced 80 years back. I may specially add that the very accession day of His Highness to the throne of Cochin has commenced with the contribution of one lakh of rupees to the poor families or rather the dependents of those brethren of ours who are serving in the fighting services. Myself, who have been for the last 14 months working for the welfare of those families, on behalf of these families who have contributed the greatest share from our State for the future civilisation of the world, I congratulate His Highness and thank His Highness for the magnificent donation of His Highness. I appeal to the Hon'ble Members of this House, in continuation of the appeal that is already before them, to contribute liberally and make His Highness' rule a great success. I once more express my deep sense of loyalty to His Highness and conclude.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, on behalf of my own constituency, I feel it my humble duty to associate myself with the congratulatory motion moved by the Hon'ble Mintster, the Leader of the House. In doing so, I have got a great complaint against those gentlemen sitting on the Treasury Bench in having neglected Mattancheri and having relegated it to the background in the festivities connected with the coronation of His Highness. Always Mattancheri was the Westminister Abbey of Cochin, ever since the Gadi of Cochin was associated with the East India Company. We felt that even if we took any representation to the members on the disy heights of Cochin, we may not even be heard as with the fatness of their ears grown deaf, and so we thought discretion would be the better part of valour and we simply shall keep on ventilating our grievances until His Highness hear us and give us a gala feast at Mattancheri.

Sir, my second duty today will be in congratulating His Highness to offer you, Sir, a great welcome to this House. For more reasons than one, Cochin under the Maharajas of Cochin, always welcomed those who came from outside. Cochin was and is the most tolerant country in the world, from ancient times to this day. We have been here for nearly 2,000 years, I don't mean Mattancheri or its population, but I refer to the Jews, because I happen to be a Jew also. We have been here for nearly 2,000 years. When we were persecuted all over the world, we came to Cochin, we got inam (free) lands by the side of the Maharaja's Palace. So Cochin is a very tolerant country with a tolerant constitutional sovereign, simple-minded, high-minded and living with all the human feelings in the world. So Jews have always been, along with all others of Cochin, ever loyal to the dynasty of Cochin and I would ask the Police Commissioner why a ban is necessary in Cochin. We are free people and we could have done away with the ban, but he being a stranger here, we are tolerant. *(Laughter).*

Sir, in giving our affection and loyalty to His Highness the Maharaja and the throne of the Royal House, and even to the children of His Highness, I have only to give one word of caution to His Highness who has now to handle the great papers of the State, that there is a great competition in this land going on between the warring, rising, educated, intelligent, scheming members of the various communities caring more for representation in the services, for the loaves and fishes thereof, more than the efficiency of the service, or the greater service that they can render to the State. I sum up in one sentence, because in a congratulatory address we do not want to introduce marring and jarring subjects. But one word of caution is always necessary to be given as a pill. Those who have to deal with papers, they should be set thinking, and that is enough. I have done my duty and I hope and pray God Almighty, whose children we are all one and the same; he feeds the wicked fellow as well as the pious fellow, the sun warms all alike and very well His Highness also warms every body alike, and they have got the duty to see that all are well-cared for—to bless His Highness with long life, prosperity, very good health and happiness.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Sir, I humbly and loyally congratulate His Highness on getting this golden opportunity of guiding the destinies of 14 lakhs of loyal and law-abiding people with the help of a popular Minister and an experienced Diwan. To guide

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the destinies of the people in these days mean to carry out all the necessary reforms to better their conditions. There are many long overdue reforms here—industrial, political and social. I am glad to be told by the Hon'ble Mover of the resolution, the Hon'ble Minister, that His Highness is a constitutional ruler. That is what is required in modern rulers, especially rulers under His Majesty the King Emperor, who is himself a people's servant, a constitutional ruler. If what is told by the Hon'ble Minister is proved true, there will be no difficulty here. There are many reforms, I said. Sir, a few miles away people who are less educated, less advanced, less politically conscious, are enjoying provincial autonomy. I simply bring this matter to the notice of His Highness and also, Sir, to your notice. We, the people aof Cochin, should not feel that they do not get necessary political reforms because they are in native State. That thought will be very dangerous.

There is another reform which is long overdue. Sir, in Cochin, a large section of His Highness' loyal and lawabiding people are untouchables and unapproachables. In these days, it is a very heart-rending state of affairs. I hope His Highness during his time will do something to remove that stigma of the State, and I also want to bring to the gracious notice of His Highness and also Sir, to your notice, that if democracy is to be worked properly, all sections of the people should get equal opportunities and also equal share of political power, either in services or in the representative institutions, and there will be no scheming in that, if democracy is real democracy, all sections of the people, if there are sections in the people, should get equal opportunities, equal share of political power and equal share of loaves and fishes also.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do away with the sections.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* All these things I very humbly and loyally bring to the gracious notice of His Highness, availing myself of this opportunity of the congratulatory motion. I associate myself with all the loyal sentiments expressed by the previous speakers.

Mr. President: Hon'ble Members, before I ask you to rise and signify your acceptance of this motion, I would like to associate myself with the expression of congratulation, loyalty and devotion which have risen from all Hon'ble Members from all sides of the House. Now, I request the Hon'ble Members to stand and signify their acceptance of this motion.

(Motion passed nem con, all members standing)

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I request that the President may be pleased to forward this motion to His Highness the Maharaja and order the publication of the proceedings in this connection in the Gazette.

Mr. President: Yes, the request is allowed.

Announcement of the names of the panel of Chairmen

Mr. President: I now announce that I have nominated Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan and Mr. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri to form the Panel of Chairmen for this session.

Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness

Secretary to the Council: Under Standing Order 5 (2), I have to announce to the Council that His Highness the Maharaja has been graciously pleased to give his assent to the following Bill passed by the Council.—

The Cochin Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill.

Placing of the statement of expenditure

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	Head of Account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	25 A (2) Rural Sanitation—charges for prevention of Epidemics	5,000	To meet the expenditure connected with the preventive measures taken at the time of the cholera outbreak, an additional allotment had to be urgently sanctioned towards pay of additional staff, cholera vaccine, bleaching powder, etc.

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